

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for presenting information via a network of interconnected communicatively coupled physically distinct processing mechanisms, the method comprising:~~

~~presenting the information via a first processing mechanism;~~

~~while presenting the information via the first processing mechanism, receiving a user-submitted command;~~

~~in response to the user-submitted command, adding a mark[[,]] that is associated with the information, via a at a source location processing mechanism by activating a marking mechanism of the first processing mechanism; and~~

~~transferring the information from the first processing mechanism to a second processing mechanism, the second processing mechanism being physically distinct from the first processing mechanism; and~~

~~presenting the information via the second at a destination location processing mechanism based on the mark added via the first at the source location processing mechanism,~~

~~wherein at least one of said adding the mark and said presenting the information via the second processing mechanism comprises involves displaying a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information;~~

~~wherein the processing mechanisms in the network of interconnected communicatively coupled physically distinct processing mechanisms are operable to facilitate:~~

~~presenting the information based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism;~~

~~adding one or more additional marks to the information;~~

~~presenting the information based on the one or more additional marks;
adding one or more additional marks to other information; and
presenting the other information based on the one or more additional
marks.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~claim 3~~, wherein the ~~source location processing mechanism is a first processing mechanism is~~ contained in a first area in a building and the ~~destination location processing mechanism is a second processing mechanism is~~ contained in a second area in the building.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a media content program.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the media content program comprises a video program.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command is received in response to a press of ~~marking mechanism~~ comprises a mark button provided on a remote control which interacts with the source ~~location~~ first processing mechanism that implements said adding of the mark.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further including deleting the mark in response to a user-submitted selection of ~~by selecting the~~ visual indicator of the mark and a user-submitted command to delete the mark ~~activating the marking mechanism again.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding the mark precludes the creation of another mark if that other mark occurs at the same time, or within a very small time interval as the first-mentioned mark.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the visual indicator of the mark has visual display properties that convey at least one characteristic of the mark.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the visual display properties include at least a color for presenting the visual indicator.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark pertains to an identity of a user who added the mark.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark pertains to whether the mark is currently selected or unselected.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the visual indicator of the mark comprises ~~further includes~~ presenting a part of the information associated with the mark along with the visual indicator.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the part of the information is a video image taken from the information which is associated with the mark.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the visual indication of the mark comprises ~~involves~~ presenting the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, where the position conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the displaying involves presenting multiple visual indicators of multiple respective marks at multiple respective display positions along the timeline, where the multiple positions convey respective junctures at which the multiple marks occur within the information.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, further including navigating among the multiple visual indicators to select any one of the multiple visual indicators.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the navigating comprises:

receiving an indication of a first user-submitted navigation command;
in response to the first user-submitted navigation command, selecting ~~involves~~
~~activating a first key on a remote control to move to a~~ temporally succeeding visual indicator with respect to a currently selected visual indicator;
receiving an indication of a second user-submitted navigation command; and
in response to the second user-submitted navigation command, selecting
~~indicator, and activating a second key on the remote control to move to a~~ temporally prior visual indicator with respect to the currently selected visual indicator.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16 ~~claim 18~~, further comprising:

receiving an indication of a user-submitted presentation command; and
In response to the user-submitted presentation command, including invoking a
~~currently selected visual indicator by activating a presentation key on a remote control.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein:
~~wherein~~ the visual indicator of the mark comprises a thumbnail image
corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark; and
~~mark, and the displaying the visual indication of the mark~~ comprises presenting
the thumbnail image in positional relationship to at least one other thumbnail image
associated with another mark, wherein the positional relationship is based on the
respective times associated with ~~the~~ creation of the marks.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, further including
navigating among the thumbnail images to select any one of the thumbnail images.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding
involves at least one of:

the generation of a status display, wherein the status display presents the visual
indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, wherein the position
conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information;

the generation of a mark panel display that contains an input selection item
associated with the information; and

the generation of a thumbnail display that presents the visual indicator as at least
one thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the
mark.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked by the activation of an input selection item associated with the information containing the mark, wherein the input selection item appears in a display that corresponds to at least one of:

a mark panel display;

a thumbnail display;

a menu display;

a program guide display; and

a program-specific information display corresponding to the information.

26. (Original) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the adding and the presenting of claim 1.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting information, comprising:

receiving instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;

displaying a mark panel display in response to the instructions, wherein the mark panel display comprises:

a selectable command to create a mark associated with the first program;

and

a representation of a second program, wherein:

the second program is different from the first program; and

the second program has an associated mark; and

receiving a user's input via the mark panel ~~display to perform at least one of:~~
display; and

in response to the user's input:

in an event that the user's input corresponds to the selectable command to create a mark associated with the first program, creating a new mark in the first program; and

in an event that the user's input corresponds to the representation of the second program, invoking a preexisting the mark in a associated with the second program, wherein the second program differs from the first program.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the ~~receiving of instructions, the displaying, and the receiving of the user's input method~~ of claim 27.

30. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for presenting information via a network of multiple communicatively coupled physically distinct processing mechanisms, the system comprising:~~

~~one or more memory~~

~~one or more processor;~~

a first processing mechanism, the first processing mechanism comprising:

a first memory;

a first processor;

presentation logic, stored in the first memory and executed by the first processor to present information;

marking logic, stored in the first memory and executed by the first processor to create a mark associated with information currently being presented, wherein the mark is embedded in the information; and

a second processing mechanism, physically distinct from the first processing mechanism, the second processing mechanism comprising:

a second memory;

a second processor;

communication logic, stored in the second memory and executed by the second processor to receive the information with the embedded mark;

presentation logic, stored in the second memory and executed by the second processor to present the information based on the mark created by the marking logic of the first processing mechanism.

~~that when executed by the one or more processor performs tasks comprising:~~

~~adding a mark that is associated with the information, at a source location processing mechanism by activating a marking mechanism; and~~

~~presenting the information at a destination location processing mechanism based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism;~~

~~wherein adding the mark or presenting the information results in the display of a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information;~~

~~wherein the processing mechanisms in the network of multiple communicatively coupled physically distinct processing mechanisms are configured to present the information based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism.~~

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Proposed Amended) A processing mechanism for presenting information, comprising:

~~one or more a~~ memory

~~one or more a~~ processor;

logic, stored in the memory, that when executed by the ~~one or more~~ processor performs ~~tasks a method~~ comprising:

displaying a first program;

receiving an indication of a user-submitted mark command;

~~receiving instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;~~

displaying a mark panel display in response to the instructions--user-
submitted mark command, wherein the mark panel display comprises:

an input selection item associated with the first program; and

an input selection item associated with a second program,

wherein:

the second program is different from the first program; and

the second program has a preexisting associated mark; and

receiving a user's input via the mark panel display to perform at least one
of: display;

in response to the user's input via the mark panel display:

in an event that the user's input via the mark panel display indicates
a selection of the input selection item associated with the first program,
creating a new mark in the first program; and

in an event that the user's input via the mark panel display indicates a selection of the input selection item associated with the second program, invoking a the preexisting mark in a associated with the second program, wherein the second program differs from the first program.

34. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the mark is stored as a component of the information.

35. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a pause command.

36. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a stop command.

37. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a channel change command.

38. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark is selected from a group of characteristics consisting of:

- a time when the mark was created;
- a date when the mark was created;
- a relative position of the mark within the information;
- an indication of a user who created the mark;
- an indication of a processing mechanism via which the mark was created;
- an indication of a physical location via which the mark was created;
- an indication of a processing mechanism that is permitted to later invoke the mark; and
- an expiration time associated with the mark.